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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a legislative framework providing, inter-alia, for a statutory regulator with adequate powers for regulation of intermediaries and protection of the interests of subscribers of the New Pension System has been in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. K. BANSAL)

(a), (b) & (c): The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill, 2005 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 21st March, 2005. The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of an Authority to promote old age income security by establishing, developing and regulating pension funds, to protect the interests of subscribers to schemes of pension funds and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The legislation will apply to the New Pension System (NPS) which was notified by Government on 22nd December, 2003 and is mandatory for all new recruits to central government service from 1st January, 2004 (except armed forces in the first stage). Official amendments to the Bill, based on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance, which examined the Bill, are under the Government`s consideration.